

Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting: Tues Oct 20, 2015, 4:45 p.m.

Present: Debbie Ballard ✓ Robert Schulz ✓ Mary Hickling ✓ Jim Curr ✓ Caren Fagerdahl

Council representative: Paul Ryan ✓ Committee Secretary: Sherry George ✓ Guests:

Minutes from last meeting, Sept 21: adopted as sent.

Governance: Received word that yearly Canadian Museums Operating Grant approved for \$21,519.

Finance: It was moved by R.Schulz that a request be made to council for an assistant for the museum for August of next year. J.Curr seconded. All in favour.

Collections:

- Mary Scott (wants to donate 100-year-old piano) has no significance to community. We will refuse the donation.
- We were offered a Copp cook stove (made in Fort William), but requires too much restoration work; refused.

Exhibitions:

- **Main floor** – *Sept to Dec:* Artistry of Hooked Rugs. Opened Sept 29.
- **Additional exhibit ideas** – Looking at Kenora's bush pilot exhibit – will discuss with C.Mallory. Also received info on two traveling exhibits from Bruce County Museum that seem reasonably priced.

Interpretation & Education:

- Partnering with new Native craft store on a traditional fashion show in February.
- Partnering with Friends to run arts programming this fall & winter. Some recent interest from artists.

Research:

Conservation:

- Rainy Lake hotel murals have been removed intact and shipped to Winnipeg. Did not arrive in one piece, however – causeway mural has broken along the seam. Team of conservators will review.
- A suggestion has been made to save one of the beechcraft being decommissioned by Rusty Myers. As this type of aircraft served the war effort and not a mainstay of the bush pilot era, this is not something we would support. A cockpit for children might be feasible.

Physical Plant:

- Two bathrooms not functioning properly; plumber in on Oct 20th.

Community:

- Friends 2016 calendar will be ready for gala: Thurs Nov 5 – 'Cut a Rug'. Ten tickets purchased by council.
- A suggestion was made that instead of moving mural to the next block, we move it 4 feet west. Will ask BIA.

Human Resources/Professional Development:

- Sherry attended Association of Manitoba Museums annual conference in Winnipeg Oct 1-3.
- Regional Museums meeting was cancelled due to unavailability of Mounds site.
- Sherry & Bethany attended Cultural Heritage workshop in Kenora Sept 22.
- Sherry will travel with A.S.Kilgour to Culture Talks in Thunder Bay on Oct 22.

Numbers: September 2015 visitors: 304; (641 in 2014).

Follow-up: *Recommendations to be made to Executive Committee of Community Services... Resolution attached.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Next meeting: Mon Nov 16 at 4:45.